

Report of the 2007 Elementary CORE Academy

Academy Overview:

The sixth consecutive year of the Elementary CORE Academy enabled hundreds of Kindergarten through 6th grade teachers to engage in professional development aligned to the Core Curriculum. Support from every school district in Utah has continued enabling teachers from each of the 40 districts to attend at least one of the 17 locations during the summer. A total of 4,036 educators participated this year including administrators, classroom teachers, and special education teachers. Content sessions were delivered on the K-2 Core Curriculum, Science Curriculum, and the newly adopted Math Curriculum. Sound research basis, academic vocabulary, and mathematical proficiency were embedded components of this year's instruction. Presentations also emphasized student journaling and application of formative assessments by teachers. Academy facilitators provided connections between content-specific presentations and essential instructional processes and skills. Practicing teachers created and field-tested presentations throughout the winter to assure that the 2007 Elementary CORE Academy sessions would be a valuable experience for participants.

2007 Sessions	2007 Dates
1. Brigham City	June 6-8
2. Harrisville	June 11-13
3. Heber City	June 12-14
4. Cedar City	June 19-21
5. St. George	June 20-22
6. Richfield	June 26-28
7. Castle Dale	June 27-29
8. Sandy I	July 9-11
9. SLC I	July 10-12
10. Tooele	July 11-13
11. Sandy II	July 16-18
12. SLC II	July 17-19
13. Orem	July 18-20
14. Logan	July 25-27
15. Bountiful	Jul 31-Aug 2
16. Payson	Aug. 1-3
17. Clearfield	Aug. 7-9

Proposed 2008 Sites	Proposed 2008 Dates
1. Cedar City	June 9-11
2. St. George	June 10-12
3. Brigham City	June 17-19
4. Davis Co.	June 18-20
5. Richfield	June 24-26
6. Emery/Carbon	June 25-27
7. Sandy I	Jun 30-Jul 2
8. SLC I	July 1-3
9. Sandy II	July 8-10
10. SLC II	July 9-11
11. Nebo	July 15-17
12. Weber	July 16-18
13. Vernal	July 21-23
14. Park City	July 29-31
15. Provo/Orem	Jul 30- Aug 1
16. Davis/SLC	Aug. 5-7
17. Logan	Aug. 6-8

Proposed 2009	Proposed 2010
Cedar City	Cedar City
St. George	St. George
Brigham City	TBD
Davis Co.	Davis Co.
Richfield	Blanding
Roosevelt	TBD
Sandy I	Sandy I
SLC I	SLC I
Sandy II	Sandy II
SLC II	SLC II
Nebo	Nebo
Weber	Weber
Tooele	Roosevelt
Heber City	Park City
Orem/Lehi	Provo/Orem
Davis/SLC	Davis/SLC
Logan	Logan

Attendance by Grade Level

Grade	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	'07 % Attending
Kindergarten	425	392	449	483	515	40 %
First Grade	619	570	717	704	792	38 %
Second Grade	575	570	680	732	775	40 %
Third Grade	517	492	519	548	593	33 %
Fourth Grade	486	437	451	504	533	32 %
Fifth Grade	428	339	441	447	439	28 %
Sixth Grade	357	276	331	326	389	29 %
Total	3,407	3,076	3,588	3,744	4,036	35 %

Registration for 2008:

- Registration will be \$180 for the 2008 Elementary CORE Academy.
- We are finalizing an electronic database system that will allow teachers to register and change locations online, once the district or school has provided a unique registration code indicating that the district or school will cover the registration fee. If this is possible we will inform districts at our Fall SSECC/SMECC meetings.

2007 Surplus Materials:

- Surplus materials from the 2007 CORE Academy are available through our office. We have a limited amount of items due to the participation from this year. Please contact our office by phone if you are interested.
- Remaining **CORE Academy Handbooks** will be available until our supply is depleted. Some handbooks from previous years are available. You may order supplies and handbooks at (435) 797-0939.

2007 Billing:

- The billing for the 2007 CORE Academy has been sent and should be finalized by the end of September. Districts and schools should have received invoices. If additional participants were added at the CORE Academy sessions, those invoices were sent at the end of August. Not all districts and schools received a second invoice. If you have not received your district or school invoice, please contact our office.

2008 Elementary CORE Academy:

- Possible Content Targets:
K, 1st, and 2nd Grades: K-2 Content Core and Mathematics with the use of CRT data to identify target areas.
3rd - 6th Grades: Science and Mathematics focus with integration of the two content areas using CRT data to identify target areas.

District Reports by Teacher:

- We have prepared individual district reports detailing participation. If you have any questions regarding individuals on your report please contact our office: (435)797-0939.

2007 Facts:

- 107 identified as special education teachers
- 39 % of '07 participants were attending for the first time
- 46 % of '07 participants also attended in '06
- 47.5 % of '07 participants have taught more than 10 years
- 58 % of participant registration fees were paid by the district
- 39 % of participant registration fees were paid by the school
- 3 % of participants paid personally for their registration
- 608 participants registered for USU graduate credit
- 774 participants registered for State Professional Development Credit (In-Service Credit)
- 98.4 % of participants agree or strongly agree that they better understand the Core Curriculum as a result of participation in the Elementary CORE Academy

- 99.1% of participants agree or strongly agree that they will employ new instructional practices as a result of participation in the Elementary CORE Academy